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**Hurricane Warning Remains in Effect for the Coastal Counties of Alabama due to Hurricane Ivan -State Agencies Prepare for Landfall**

Clanton, Alabama - A Hurricane Warning remains in effect from Grand Isle, Louisiana to Apalachicola, Florida which includes Mobile and Baldwin counties in Alabama. Officials with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency are working with emergency coordinators from various state agencies to make sure resources are ready for local government to respond to Hurricane Ivan.

"This is a very serious storm and we want residents of Alabama to pay close attention to this dangerous storm and be ready to take action to prepare yourself and family," Gov. Bob Riley," said. Mandatory Evacuation orders remain in effect for areas south of Interstate 10 in Baldwin and Mobile counties and Interstate 65 reverse lane operations remain in effect with all four lanes open from just north of Mobile to just south of Montgomery for north bound traffic only. "Traffic is moving smoothly and no problems have been reported by the Department of Transportation," Gov. Riley said.

American Red Cross shelters remain open and additional shelters will be open in the state as needed. For up to date shelter information call the Red Cross Hotline at 1-866-438-4636.

"Hurricane Ivan is going to have a major impact on a large portion of Alabama and we're continuing to maintain continuous communication with local emergency management agencies and our federal partners in emergency management to provide a rapid response to this storm," said Bruce Baughman, AEMA Director.

For updated information on the Hurricane Ivan and for preparedness information, go to [www.ema.alabama.gov](http://www.ema.alabama.gov).

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